

Torrance, California.
June 21st., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 21st., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman. The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 1932, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an invitation under date of June 20, 1932, from Mayor Clarke of Redondo Beach inviting the Council to attend a picnic at Redondo Beach on June 25, 1932. Councilman Steiner moved all those that find it convenient take advantage of it. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A letter from the American Legion regarding the retention of teachers in the night school was read asking that the Council support them in asking the County Board of Education to keep Capt. Ayers in his present capacity. Councilman Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter supporting this request. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A letter from Jos. F. Stephens expressing his gratitude to the Council for its considerations and friendship was read. Councilman Steiner moved that this letter be filed and the Clerk instructed to acknowledge the letter stating the Board's appreciation of his citizenship. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an invitation under date of June 18, 1932, from the Rotary Club of Torrance requesting attendance to a meeting relative to the Los Angeles Home Owners Trust Fund. Councilman Steiner moved all that can attend do so. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the County of Los Angeles regarding relief labor utilized on street and road work was read, requesting a resolution be passed requesting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to supply money for labor on different streets and projects. Councilman Steiner moved that this communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding folders concerning data of the Xth Olympic Games and the availability of same to be mailed to relatives and friends throughout the Nation was read. Councilman Steiner moved this body indorse the Olympic pamphlet furnished by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and give them a vote of thanks. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States with reference to salary saving plan. Rowland S. Darby, a representative of the Equitable, who was in the audience, submitted a plan for salary saving among city employees. Councilman Steiner moved that the proposition be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and consideration. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition from the Veterans' Welfare Board regarding the cancellation of certain taxes against Lot 7 in Block 45 of the Torrance Tract was read and Clerk Bartlett also read:

RESOLUTION NO. 536

BEING A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN TAXES AGAINST
CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Steiner moved that the petition be granted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Steiner moved Resolution No. 536 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Letters were read from the Southern California Edison Company, the Torrance Electric Company and the Two-Mack's Electric Company, addressed to City Engineer Leonard, containing proposals for servicing the ornamental street lights within the city when the lights are placed on metered service. Upon motion by Councilman Steiner, seconded by Councilman Ludlow, and upon roll call with unanimous vote, the matter was referred to the Lighting Committee and the City Engineer with authority to act.

Letter from the Del Amo Estate Company dated June 11, 1932, addressed to the City Engineer, enclosing stipulation that a portion of that certain parcel of land deeded to the City for park purposes under date of February 10, 1932, might be used by the City of Torrance and the public for street purposes, was read. Letter was also read from the Del Amo Company under date of June 15th, 1932, enclosing deed for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard east of Hawthorne Avenue over the Del Amo property. Upon motion by Councilman Steiner, seconded by Councilman Ludlow, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, this deed was ordered accepted by the city to be held in escrow until such time as assurances are made that the work of improving Sepulveda Boulevard will be done by the County as a cash job, and that in the event such work is not done, as a cash job, such deed shall be returned to the Del Amo Estate Company.

A letter from County Road Commissioner George W. Jones under date of June 10, 1932, addressed to the City Engineer, was read, stating that no expense or assessment in connection with the present improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard west of Hawthorne Avenue would be assessed against property owners fronting on the improvement.

A letter was read from the Board of Education dated May 20, 1932, in reply to a letter from the City Engineer requesting that the Board of Education improve the entire 30 feet of roadway on Fern, Elm and Eldorado Streets, adjacent to the Fern Avenue School site, and stating that this inquiry would be referred to the Building Committee and Business Manager. Engineer Leonard reported that so far he has not heard from the Business Manager on this subject.

Oral communications:

Mr. Beverly Smith presented a Resolution in regard to the \$400,000.00 water suit requesting the Council to pass on it and have it sent to the Supreme Court of California. Clerk Bartlett read the Resolution and after some discussion Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution presented by Mr. Smith regarding the \$400,000.00 be filed and referred to the City Attorney at the proper time. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

There was some discussion over Cabrillo and Western Avenue improvement by some of the audience and council, and Mr. Carl Hyde, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce wished to be placed on record the fact that, as far as the Chamber of Commerce was concerned, no act, officially or unofficially, to impede the progress of Western Avenue and no resolution regarding same has ever come before the City Council.

Councilman Steiner moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a contract with Mr. C. H. Robertson, giving him the exclusive right to remove clay, sand and gravel from the four and one-half acres owned by the City, known as the Sewer Farm, and charge him at the rate of 10¢ per yard. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman reported the bids had been opened for the Clinic today and been referred to the County Engineering Department.

Mayor Klusman requested the City Attorney to state to the people how the payments stand on the Clinic. Attorney Jensen stated we have paid \$11,000.00 to date and we have made a deal with Mr. Rindley to pay \$3,800.00 still due after July 1, 1932.

Attorney Jensen reported regarding Prairie Avenue, we have advised the attorneys and they will have 20 days to give an answer.

Attorney Jensen reported nothing new on the \$20,000.00 lawsuit.

Councilman Steiner moved that the City Clerk advertise for the printing of city business for the coming year. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the City of Torrance subscribe for a membership in the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities; that a warrant be drawn upon the general fund in the amount of \$30.00 in payment of six months dues and that the members of the City Council be authorized to attend the meeting thereof. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman again brought up the subject of salary reductions in the Police Department. There was some discussion but no action was taken.

Mayor Klusman stated that one of the firemen had used unbecoming language to him, that this fireman and his family lived over the police station, and in his opinion should vacate the premises.

Councilman Wright moved that Mayor Klusman make his charges in writing and present them to the chairman of the Police and Fire Committee. Councilman Conner stated that if the charges were of a serious nature the city employee would be called to trial, and seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

There was some discussion in regard to the vacation of the rooms over the police station, but no action was taken.

Mr. Fred A. Baughan, Secretary of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities thanked the Council for their consideration and invited them to a meeting to be held at Huntington Park at the Merry-Go-Round Cafe, 6711 Pacific Boulevard, 60¢ a plate for the luncheon.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved we adjourn to Friday evening, June 24, 1932, at 7:30 to discuss the budget and the budget only. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.